

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

The failure of the FCC to regulate media ownership and only contributes to its manipulation as a political tool. It is time that the FCC stand up for something, if for no better reason than to demonstrate its power as an independent body which answers to the citizens of this country. Thank you.